

I have worked in Public Access for about a year and a half and although I am new to the administrative side of things, I have to ask one question. Why does everything have to be about money? That may be ridiculous to ask this day in age but the reason I ask that is because working in public access, I have seen how the community access stations have affected the lives of those volunteering their time and talents. Many of the volunteers are retired or they may just have an interest in video or radio. And I have seen how being a part of such a great production can complete their lives. Is it too much to ask that we could make a show or song and share it with people of our community for FUN? Even though some of the shows that are on the community channels wouldn't be played on commercial stations, it gives people a chance to do something they may have always dreamed about. I know how it is to see a show that I have worked so hard on, planning, shooting, editing, and making it the very best it can be and then I get to show it off by playing it on the local channel. And even though only people within the area get to see it, I produced a show that was on TV. How great is that?! I just ask that you all take your time and think about the communities. Think about the people that take the time to tape sporting events so the proud parents or grandparents that couldn't make the game, can still see it. Or the church programs that share their messages to people, the government programs that share information with the citizens about who they are going to vote for. The commercial stations have commitments to advertisers, programs, and news so why not make it easier for the community to see the local issues by giving them a chance to participate themselves? But the main point is, what ever happened to doing something for fun, why does it have to have a profit?